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KATHERINE

[Original.]

In merry England several centuries ago there lived a young girl who, though she belonged to the most aristocratic family in England, was not brought up with proper care. Her mother died when Katherine was in early childhood, and she was turned over to an old dowager duchess. In the duchess's splendid mansion she was left with the waiting women and occupied the sleeping apartments common to them all. Here temptation was thrown in her way, especially by two of these women, Dorothy Berwick and Mary Lassels. The former led the little girl just coming to womanhood into an intrigue with her music teacher, Henry Manox, while Mary Lassels led her into another with Francis Derham, a member of the household troop of Katherine's uncle, a powerful duke.

Derham succeeded in persuading Katherine to become betrothed to him. A troth plight, as it was called in those days, was equivalent to a marriage and so recognized by the church. Derham called her "wife," and she called him "husband." In time this relationship was discovered by the dowager duchess, who, after giving Katherine a beating, placed her under duress. The matter was hushed up; the women who had fostered the intimacy were sent away, while Derham fled from the blight he had brought upon one of the noblest families in England, escaping to Ireland. There he shipped with privateers.

Katherine had only now reached womanhood and, having been freed from her evil associates, became remarkable for her modest and maidenly deportment. Derham returned and endeavored to renew his intimacy with her, but Katherine would have nothing to do with him.

Reports of Katherine's attractions spread till they reached the court. Her family, indeed her relationship by blood to the royal house of England, rendered her only claim an appointment in the royal service, and she was made maid of honor to the queen. The king noticed and admired her. Then he began to pay her attention, and she became the queen's rival. At last the queen was divorced, and Katherine became queen of England.

Meanwhile Derham had vanished, while Dorothy Berwick, Mary Lassels and the others who had known of Katherine's temptations and their results were scattered. But no sooner was it known that she was to become queen than these birds of prey began to hover over the woman they had ruined as a child. One of the women wrote her demanding to be taken into her service, and Katherine did not dare refuse her. Manox, who had first tampered with her, became one of the royal musicians, and the terrible cord that was drawing about her was at last knotted by Derham's receiving an appointment in her suit.

Mysterious reports about the queen's life began to be circulated, but the king, who was desperately in love with her, either did not care or ignored them. In those days Catholic and Protestant were struggling for the mastery, and it was not possible that a scandal about the queen should escape the opposite party. Mary Lassels revealed the whole matter, and the king's confidential minister informed his majesty of the facts. He at first treated the accusation as a calumny designed for the destruction of the queen. Nevertheless he could not rest in doubt and took steps to know the truth. Derham was arrested on a charge of piracy. He acknowledged the truth of the years before and that he and Katherine had lived as man and wife, but denied the slightest familiarity between them since her marriage with the king.

Derham's confession pierced the king to the heart and was the queen's death warrant. Katherine was made a prisoner, her household discharged, and her gaily taken from her. The king, who loved her devotedly, would have been glad to save her life, but there were reasons why it was not to her interest or to the interest of the realm. These reasons were magnified by those who were striving to get rid of one who had supplanted a former queen and was of a different religion. The king in his desire to save her from the block endeavored to force her to acknowledge her present position with Derham, for the Church of Rome allowed no divorce except in precontract. But Katherine would not admit this truth, and since she could not be divorced, there was no way of severing her matrimonial status except by execution.

Katherine was transferred to the Tower of London, that prison of so many political offenders and objects of the displeasure of the sovereign. Two days after the royal assent to her execution she was led to the scaffold. There was great dissatisfaction on the part of the people at her illegal execution, for even in those barbarous days the laws of England provided that no one should be put to death without a fair and open trial, which had been denied Katherine. She was led like a sheep to the slaughter without being permitted to make any defense. She submitted to the headsman's stroke with meekness and courage.

Many others suffered a like fate, but none so well deserved as Derham, who was hanged as a traitor.

Such is the story of Katherine Howard, Henry VIII's fifth queen. No more touching example, certainly no more notable one, of the consequences of being unprotected from evil influences, has ever been enacted. The facts as laid down in this brief sketch have been taken from history, not an incident having been changed nor one added. The story is a subject for a great moral drama and worthy of a genius in the handling.

WILLARD CLIFFORD IRVING.

DUELING IN AMERICA.

The First Fatal Meeting Was Upon Historic Boston Common.

The first fatal duel fought in what is now the United States was upon Boston Common, between Benjamin Woodbridge and Henry Phillips, on the evening of July 3, 1728. These young men had quarreled over deeds at the Royal Exchange tavern in King street, now State street, and under the influence of drink had agreed to settle their differences with swords in the public grounds above named. They met at a little after 8 o'clock in the evening, and Woodbridge was mortally wounded and was found dead the following morning.

Both were gentlemen of good social position. Phillips was a brother of Glim Phillips, who married Marie, the sister of Peter Faneuil, the builder of Boston's famous hall. Woodbridge had not completed his twentieth year. He was a young merchant who had recently been admitted to business as a partner with Jonathan Sewall, one of the most active merchants of the place. Henry Phillips, a young graduate of the college of Cambridge, was about four years older than Woodbridge, having at the time of this melancholy affair completed his twenty-third year. Woodbridge was a man of good character, a man of some distinction in Barbados, one of the magistrates there, who had formerly been settled in the ministry as pastor in Groton, Conn.

The place of meeting was on the rising grounds of the Common, not far from the great elm, near where in the olden time a powder house stood. Small swords were used. No one but themselves participated. Woodbridge fell mortally wounded and died on the spot before the next morning. Phillips was slightly wounded and at midnight, by the aid of his brother Glim and Peter Faneuil, of famous memory, made his escape to the Shoemakers, a British man-of-war then lying in the harbor, and before the sun of the next morning had fully discovered to interested friends the miserable result of the unfortunate meeting he was on his way to France, where he died in less than a year of grief and a broken heart.—United Service Review.

A SHORT ANSWER.

The Reply That Bismarck Made to an Admirable Speech.

I like to think of old Bismarck as he sat by the window that opens on the windy park of Friedrichsruh in an old gray shooting jacket, a rug over his knees, a pipe in his hand, simple as a north German farmer, this man who had almost led Europe in fact.

A little while before this February day he had been deposed from power. All the world knew that the old lion was sulking in his den in no amiable mood toward the young emperor who had turned him out of doors. It was known that his memoirs were written and that his correspondence was set in order. A New York publisher thought he might secure the papers in which Bismarck had told the real story of the birth of the German empire—that strange story of craft and boldness, of stoniness and grandeur. It was on this mission that I sailed for Hamburg. I had two letters for Bismarck. One was from a negligible ambassador. The other had been given me by a German statesman of some note with whom in other days I had been a student in the University of Jena. My friend had been a familiar of Bismarck's, and he had kindly bespoken me a kindly hearing. I sent the letters on from Hamburg and followed the next day.

On the table at his elbow as he sat by the window I noticed my letters. The valet who had placed a chair for me took his stand by the door. I said what I had to say. It was (permit me to affirm it) an admirable speech. For ten days and nights I had rehearsed it in my mind. I bowed and did not intend to waste it. I bowed to his old hairless head, the baby yellow jowls and big mustache, to the old gray jacket and the pipe. It was like exclaiming to a stone wall. Then the valet led me out. In the park I regained my senses.—Vance Thompson in Success.

Mark Twain Missed the Boat.

The success achieved by Mark Twain during his boating days on the Mississippi river was due not only to the fact that he was a skillful pilot, but that he was an earnest one as well. A man who knew Mr. Clemens in those days told how the genial humorist once missed his boat. Instead of inventing an excuse, as many of his companions did, he reported to his superior officer as follows:

"My boat left at 6:30. I arrived at the landing at 6:20 and could not catch it."

—As It Is Said.

Hoax—Do you know that thin fellow over there?

Joax—Oh, yes; we are very thick.

Hoax—And do you know the big fat one?

Joax—Slightly.—Philadelphia Record.

Cutting.

Clara—Oh, hum! I wish the Lord had made me a man!

Mother—Perhaps he has, dear; only you haven't found him yet.—New York Times.

A fool may live with cultivated people all his life and never learn any thing.—Aitchison Globe.

A ROYAL ROMANCE

[Original.]

The king was dead, and the people would have cried, "Long live the king!" but they did not know which of two claimants would secure the throne. Prince Ludwig, the representative of a rival dynasty, was at the capital, but the Crown Prince Rudolph, who had been banished by his father, was in Paris. Rudolph was the choice of the people, but the Austrian government desired to place Ludwig on the throne.

Rudolph made his preparations to go to claim his crown, and, being obliged to pass through Austrian territory, the government desired to intercept him.

"Your majesty," said Rudolph's bosom friend, Count Ernest Gerhart, who proposed to accompany his sovereign to his capital, "I suggest that we travel as master and valet. I to be the master, you the valet."

"An admirable plan," said Rudolph. "We will adopt it."

That night the two started, the count disguised as a bourgeois merchant, Rudolph as a German valet. The two carried their parts well, the count enacting a shopkeeper who had made money and was consequently very proud, Rudolph playing a servant who had all the spirit beaten out of him by a tyrannical master. Count Ernest, being the king's intimate friend and faithful adherent, took pleasure in giving him plenty to do and abusing him soundly at the slightest remoteness. Passing down the Danube by boat, the two attracted the attention of the old Baroness von Vallenstein and her beautiful daughter Bertha.

"Hans," cried Count Ernest, "bring me some hot and soda water, and don't spend the whole day gabbling with the other servants. Be quick!"

Hans moved away, and Bertha von Vallenstein, who had looked up from her book, cast an indignant glance at the count for the severity of his tone. When the valet returned with the hot and soda Count Ernest rated him for having been gone so long. Bertha von Vallenstein, indignant at the count's abuse, called Hans to her and said to him:

"Do you wish to leave the service of the man who treats you so harshly? If you do I will engage you at once. My mother and I need a manservant."

"Thank you, fraulein," stammered the astonished king incognito. "He pays me such good wages that—"

"I will pay you double."

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WAR IN THE ORIENT.

The Orient is now passing through what promises to be the most epoch-making war in its history, and one of the greatest conflicts of modern times. Japan, the most enlightened and progressive nation of the Orient, has drawn the sword against the insidious advance of the Muscovite in gobbling up the territory in the Far East. A nation of 45,000,000 has challenged the might of the most populous and grasping power of Europe—Russia. To the average mind, this may seem the extreme of temerity on the part of the Japanese, and that the clash of arms can only have one outcome—namely, the crushing of the little brown men by the great Northern Bear. A fair estimation of the situation will be apt to modify this opinion, and lead to the conclusion that the contending forces are not so unevenly matched as the population of the two empires would indicate. Indeed, the Japanese have more than an even chance of emerging from the conflict victorious, to the extent of administering a setback to the aggressive policy of Russia in the far east. Japan is fighting for her national life. With Russians holding Manchuria, and reaching from there to Korea, with the object of finally absorbing the whole of that peninsula, with its coastline fronting the Japanese Islands, the struggle for supremacy was bound to come sooner or later. Japan concluded that it would be more perilous to postpone the day of trial, than to throw down the gauge of battle now.

The Japanese have already demonstrated their superiority on the sea. They have defeated the Russians at Port Arthur and at Chelmulpo, sealed up the Russian fleet at the former port, and have acquired such a mastery on the sea-board in the vicinity of the conflict on land that Russia is not only not likely to overcome, but cannot even meet with a fleet of anything like equal strength. And the control of the sea is very apt to prove the deciding factor of the war. It is doubtful if Russia, notwithstanding her immense resources, can face her antagonist in an overwhelming force on the land. She must transport her soldiers over a single-track railroad five thousand miles, a long distance of which runs through a hostile country. The line through Manchuria is infested with a population that will take every advantage to thwart her aims. It is a tremendous task to transport and supply a large army so distant from the base with a slimly built one-track railroad. In the war in South Africa, Great Britain found it a serious business in contending with 100,000 Boers to keep open its communication along 1500 miles of railroad. But the problem in South Africa which the British found so much difficulty in solving, is nothing in comparison to that which confronts Russia in the present war. Great Britain had undisputed control of the sea, and had no trouble in getting her armies and stores to the scene of conflict. Three out of every four men transported to South Africa would probably be repeated on the Russian line of travel through Siberia and Manchuria. The Japs will prove as great a surprise on land as on the sea. They are at home as it were, where the battles must be fought. The Russians on the other hand are in an alien country, the climate of which is deadly to them. Every motive of patriotism spurs the little islanders to deeds of daring; they are skillful, intelligent, quicker in movement, and more enduring than their antagonists. That they are smaller men is no drawback in the game of war nowadays. Modern warfare is not a matter of hand to hand encounters. Long range fighting is the rule, and the Jap is fully as expert with the rifle and the field gun as the Russians, at the same time offering a smaller target than the more imposing physique of his foe.

American-sympathy is decidedly in favor of the Japanese. It is not a question of the white against the yellow peril. Neither the Chinese nor the Japanese constitute a peril in Asia. That is their country, and there is no reason why they should be displaced. It is only when they invade the white man's country that they become a peril. In like manner, the invasion of the Far East by the Muscovite hordes is a peril to the Chinaman and the Jap, and the latter has essayed the task of smiting this white peril before it has acquired a foothold too strong to afford any hope of dislodgment.

Mark Hanna, senator from Ohio, and one of the leading spirits of the republican party, died at Washington on the 15th instant of typhoid fever.

THE DISTURBING ELEMENT.

While perfect contentment is a quite foreign element in the life of almost if not every individual, close observation will find that it is more nearly possessed by that class which uses the better discretion in the disposition of its earnings—in other words those who look out for a rainy day. It is the man who denies himself luxuries to-day that he may be better able to enjoy them in future, who has made this the greatest nation under the sun. But this is not the kind of men with whom this article was intended to deal at the outset. The opposite of the man described above is the fellow, who, regardless of the amount of the wages he is paid, at the end of the month or year hasn't a cent on the credit side of his ledger, or who by wanton extravagance gives the impression that he thinks his "money will never run out." These are the disturbing element in every community in the land. They are never satisfied. With such people there is always something wrong. The government is too autocratic, the laws are unjust, the rich are becoming richer, and the employers of labor more oppressive. Such are not only a disturbing but a dangerous element, and in seven out of ten instances, when labor troubles occur, their origin can be traced to this source. Usually this class are the loudest howlers for organization, and the first to have a grievance. After the organization is effected, and the disturber finds that he is not being paid all the money for wages that he can spend he begins agitating, and the first thing the prudent, economical man knows he is out of employment, putting up for others who cannot lose no matter what phase the matter assumes. Such a thing as fairness and justice never enters the discussion of any subject of right or wrong by the disturber, and when the subject is considered from an unbiased point of view, the quicker labor disposes of this element that much quicker will its condition improve everywhere.

The Hearst newspaper combination is still hard at work trying to whip the democracy into line in support of W. R. Hearst for the presidential nomination. Bryan has seemingly gone over to the Hearst side, and is likely to favor him as the candidate. It is plain, however, that Hearst is not favored by the masses of the democratic party, and Hearst himself understands this as well as anybody. But the backing of a strong element of the labor union forces, furnishes the fulcrum by which he is endeavoring to foist himself upon the democratic convention. Without the labor vote the Hearst followers contend there is not the faintest hope of democratic success; with the labor vote, in addition to solidity of the southern states for the democratic ticket, Hearst believes there is a good fighting chance to win in the contest for president. We hope this view will be sufficiently impressed upon the democratic party to induce them to place him at the head of the ticket. In that event he will probably be the worst beaten man that has run for the highest office in the nation since the Greeley campaign. Apart from the triumvirate of newspapers which he owns, the name of Hearst would never have been heard of as a possible presidential candidate.

The editor of the Ledger is hardly prepared to accept the suggestion of the Dispatch, that he individually circulate a petition for signatures for the submission of the question of incorporation of Jackson to a vote of the citizens. It is a matter for the people to take hold of. We suggest that a meeting of citizens be called at an early day to take up the question. If deemed advisable, a committee might be appointed to circulate a petition for the necessary signatures. The Ledger will support the movement under the changed conditions, and we have no doubt many who fought the scheme before would vote for it now. We have heard a number who have so expressed themselves. If self-government can be had without entailing any additional expense, it behoves the people of Jackson to vote to that end. It is unquestionably true that Jackson is not getting a fair proportion of the money collected for road and other purposes from her taxpayers, spent within her limits. We cannot hope to secure this under the county government. Incorporation will not make Jackson a model town. It will not give us a general sewer system, nor macadamize all her streets. Any bonding proposition for such purposes would in our opinion be unwise. Improvements would have to move slowly, but in a few years, without any increased tax rate, the change for the better, under wise, conservative management, ought to be quite noticeable.

Bad Indeed.

Losing flesh is indeed a bad sign. Take Scott's Emulsion for it. For want of digestion, for defective nourishment, for consumption, take Scott's Emulsion. It restores flesh because it strikes to the cause of the loss.

On Saturday we will put out a big line of men's wool socks at almost half price. See our line before buying. Jackson Shoe Store.

Pioneer Flour is the "Lily of the Valley," the "Pearl of Perfection."

VOLCANO ITEMS.

More rain, more gold, was the common salutation during the rainy days just past.

Miss Daisy Larson, teacher at New York Ranch district, spent her two weeks' vacation with friends in Volcano.

Miss Katie Bond, of Angels, is staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Ross, and attending the public school.

Jack Gianini, rated as the best baseball fielder in Amador county, has gone to San Francisco to become a tinsmith. Jack will soon be able to shave them on the hills.

John Cassinelli, of the firm of Cassinelli Bros., accidentally rolled down a bank last Sunday evening and received many bruises. We hope John will soon be himself again, as he is a general favorite with their lady customers.

Toby Marsino, whose life hung in the balance for several weeks last fall, has fully recovered, and will soon resume his position as driver of the Volcano stage.

Art Koller, of Charleston district, who has been dangerously ill at his father's home, is now able to sit up a short time each day.

Superior Grillo has passed the 200 lb. notch, and says that he has entirely regained his health again.

Miss Elsie Clark gave an up-to-date Valentine party to a few of her many friends last Thursday evening. Hearts were trumps in all the games. Refreshments were served at 12 M. The fortune cake created considerable merriment. Miss Nellie Bonneau is to be the maid of the party, Charles Cassinelli the old bachelor, and Florence Grillo received the key to the boys' hearts. All expressed themselves as having had a jolly good time.

St. Valentine appeared in person on the 14th inst., and brought with him many joys and sorrows. Some of the valentines were exceedingly comic. Some received them good-naturedly and some otherwise. The old gent spent his money freely during the evening, and the town girls stood by him nobly. St. Val. never gives us the go-by, and the boys let him know that they appreciated his coming.

The justice court was in session one day last week.

The local telephone company that owns lines throughout the eastern portion of Amador and Calaveras counties, is fast assuming the proportions of a gigantic corporation.

Rouben Ford, formerly county treasurer of this county, will soon open up a gravel claim on the Dick Bird ranch.

Dominick Gianini has leased his claim, four miles east of town, to a San Francisco company.

Lesley & Co., of Pioneer, continue to take out high grade ore.

We hear nothing but flattering reports from the Defender and near-by properties.

Marsino & Sons are perhaps the most fortunate mining operators in this immediate vicinity. They own their mine, have their own timbers, and do all the work themselves. Every dollar they take out belongs to them. Just now, owing to an abundance of water, they are ground sluicing, with flattering results. They work in tunnels during the greater part of the year, and have pay gravel enough in sight to keep them busy for years to come.

From the rumbling sounds one hears many times during the day, a stranger might think the Russians and Japs were just over the hills. It is only Baroni & Co. blasting in the lava bed. Look out for our hog story next week.

S C RIBBLER.

LATER—W. D. Smith, who owns a 40-acre gravel claim three miles below town, on Sutter creek, washed out the richest gold gravel on the hills that have ever been in Amador county. It is slightly mixed with quartz and weighs about nine ounces, value \$150. It can be seen at John Clute's store, where it is left on display. The nugget is certainly a beauty, and ought to be purchased by some one who can afford to keep it as a rare specimen.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher.*

SLATE CREEK.

Saturday evening, Feb. 13, a party of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry White. The evening was pleasantly spent with games and singing until eleven o'clock, when a lunch was served, after which the party danced to the sweet strains of a violin until two a. m., when the guests departed in high spirits. Those present were: Frank Brown, Maud Clark, Joe Huot, Sophia Grailich, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoff, Robt. White, Lillie Williams, Fred Grailich, Addie White, Ed. Grailich, Jennie White, Mr. and Mrs. Henry White, Roy Clark, Willard Colburn and Frank Grailich.

K. S. E.

Have You Indigestion?

If you have Indigestion, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will cure you. It has cured thousands. It is curing people every day—every hour. You owe it to yourself to give it a trial. You will continue to suffer until you do try it. There is no other combination of digestants that digest and rebuild at the same time. Kodol does both. Kodol cures, strengthens and rebuilds. Sold by Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

False Alarm.

Considerable excitement was caused in our town last Saturday afternoon when a fire alarm was turned into the station. As soon as the bell began ringing, the entire population along Main street rushed towards the engine house to find that the alarm was false, the fire proving to be only the soot burning out in one of the Phillips' residence chimneys. Aside from its disappointing features the false alarm was more preferable than the genuine alarm.

Relief in One Minute.

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the microbe which excites the mucous membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of Coughs, Colds and Croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. Sold by Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

Chicken and ravioli dinner will be served at the Union House next Sunday, at 25 cents per plate.

In Cattle can be prevented.

CUTLER'S BLACK LIG VACCINE.

Cattle's Black Lig Vaccine, the most successful, easiest used and lowest priced vaccine.

The Cutter Laboratory, San Francisco.

If your druggist does not stock our vaccine, order direct from us.

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Sour Stomach

No appetite, loss of strength, nervousness, headache, constipation, bad breath, general debility, sour risings, and catarrh of the stomach are the sure signs of indigestion. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure does not only cure indigestion and dyspepsia, but this famous remedy cures all stomach troubles by cleansing, purifying, sweetening and strengthening the mucous membranes lining the stomach.

Mr. S. S. Bell, of Ravenswood, W. Va., says: "I was troubled with sour stomach for twenty years, but I cured me and we are now using it in my family."

Kodol Digests What You Eat.

Bottles only, \$1.00. Size holding 2½ times the trial size, which sells for 50 cents.

Prepared by E. O. DeWitt & Co., CHICAGO

Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

Death of Alvinza Hayward.

Alvinza Hayward, the well known mine operator and multi-millionaire, died in San Francisco on the 14th instant, at the ripe age of 84 years. He made his start in Amador county, in the operation of the Eureka mine at Sutter Creek. This property, after a struggling existence against adverse fortune, suddenly loomed into prominence as a gold producer in 1867, with Hayward as the heaviest stockholder. For long time it yielded dividends from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per month. After disposing of the controlling interest in the Eureka mine, Mr. Hayward became interested in the Plymouth Consolidated, and was the guiding spirit of that enterprise during its bonanza days—when it yielded from \$10,000 to \$100,000 per month. Since the closing of the Plymouth Consolidated, Hayward transferred his field of mining enterprise to Calaveras county, where he became interested in the Utica, at Angels, which has proven the richest dividend paying mine along the mother lode. Many of the old settlers throughout Amador county will remember Mr. Hayward in the infancy of his mining ventures in Sutter Creek. In his demise the state loses one of the ablest, most experienced and successful mining men that ever operated in the mother lode region.

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DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

[The following instruments have been filed for record in the recorder's office since our last report. We publish a complete list of documents recorded, and must decline to accept of any request to suppress any document from these columns. Don't ask us to do so.]

DEEDS.

W. H. Brown to A. J. Teeple, one-half interest in Electric quartz mine, also one-half interest in Sulphide quartz mine on Mokelumne river, near Electric plant, \$10.

A. J. Teeple to J. F. Hamby and John Casey, two thirds of Electric and Sulphide mines, \$10.

Catherine I. Fleming to Frederick Eudey and Alexander Eudey, Fleming ranch property, Jackson township, \$10.

Estate of Nicolini, decree of distribution recorded.

L. W. Williams to Hulda H. B. Brown, right of way across lands near Plymouth, \$10.

MORTGAGES.

Jacob Vandament to Jackson Denen, W. of NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 sec 17-6-11, \$850, \$ per cent.

A. N. Jones and O. C. Jones to R. W. Ketcham, 120 acres, 32-7-12, \$300, 8 per cent.

C. H. Pullen to John Fox, land in 13-6-7, \$250, one per cent per month.

George J. Jones to Rosamund & Kahn.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGES.

R. W. Ketcham to A. Jones.

J. Muldoon to M. Newman.

G. Cotel to M. W. Gordon.

Chichizola Estate Co. to Huot.

MINING LOCATIONS.

Tony Mazzini, Vesuvius quartz claim, relocation, Plymouth district.

J. J. Ekel, et al, location of Isabella, Helen and Margaret placer claims, Agara district.

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. H. McCornick vs. O'Brien et al, notice of pendency of suit.

Thos. Laverone to L. & G. B. Cassinelli, assignment of interest in judgment against Mitchell mine property near Pine Grove, \$219.

W. E. Stewart and others to Jose Gulch Mining Co., agreement to furnish water to said company to run a ten stamp mill for \$1 per day from Horn ditch, providing there is sufficient water in said ditch.

W. T. Larson and wife to Mrs. M. J. Haller, bill of sale of merchandise, etc., in Uhlinger building, Ione, \$60.

R. M. Dillon, certificate of redemption of 100 acres 21-8-11, sold for taxes from 1881 to 1890, \$100.

Muldoon vs. Baughman et al, filing of attachment.

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BORN.

LOVE—in Jackson, February 14, 1904, to the wife of W. H. McCornick, a daughter.

GRISBACH—at Butte City, February 4, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Grisbach, a daughter.

MARRIED.

WOOLLEY-MAHONEY—in Sutter Creek, February 10, 1904, by Rev. James E. Case, John E. Woolley to Miss Maud Mahoney, both of Sutter Creek.

CASSELLA-DONDERO—in Jackson, February 3, 1904, by Rev. J. J. Gleason, Andrew Cassella to Celestina Dondero, both of Jackson.

HORTON-NAVAS—in San Francisco, February 11, 1904, William Horton to Mrs. Lena Navas of Jackson.

ARNESSE-MARCHINI—in Sutter Creek, February 16, 1904, by W. L. Rose, J. P., James Arnesse to Miss Dora Marchini, both of Sutter Creek.

DIED.

GRISBACH—at Butte City, February 16, 1904, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Grisbach, aged 12 days.

BEST FOR THE BOWELS

If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you're ill or will be. Keep your bowels open and you'll feel better. The smooth, easy, and most perfect way of keeping the bowels clear and clean is to take

CANDY CATHARTIC

They work while you sleep

EAT 'EM LIKE CANDY

Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good, No Food, No Water, No Laxative, No Gripes, No Stomach, No Constipation, No Pain, No Discomfort, No Danger, No Harm, No Trouble, No Expense, No Delay, No Loss, No Waste, No Effort, No Strain, No Pain, No Discomfort, No Danger, No Harm, No Trouble, No Expense, No Delay, No Loss, No Waste, No Effort, No Strain, No Pain, No Discomfort, No Danger, No Harm, No Trouble, No Expense, No Delay, No Loss, No Waste, No Effort, No Strain, No

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS
OF THE WEEKShort News Items of Interest to the
Ledger Readers—A Heavy Snowfall
Reported in the Mountains.

Give us daily some good bread. Pioneer Flour makes the best.

Up-to-date dentistry by Dr. Delucchi, the Sutter Creek dentist.

J. F. Wilson, Dentist. Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Phone Main 404. Jackson, Cal.

Nothing will please an invalid as well as a package of those fancy cakes from Nettles' Mkt.

W. F. Detert, manager of the Zeila mine, was registered at the Lick, San Francisco, this week.

F. B. Joyce, the Defender mining man, is back in the county again, after his recent visit in the city.

H. Bradley, the lumberman from above Wiley's station, was a visitor in Jackson several days this week.

Our new line of ladies' shoes will arrive soon. They are swell; all styles, at \$2.50. Jackson Shoe Store.

W. H. George, agent of the Realty Syndicate of Oakland, was in Jackson early this week, in the interest of that corporation.

All kinds of ready made goods, and the most choice line of waistings and dress goods ever introduced in the county. E. Teesdale, "The Peddler."

No presents, no guessing, no lotteries; style, quality, and reasonable prices are my inducements. E. Teesdale, "The Peddler."

L. Costa, the blacksmith, who has been in business in Angels, has returned to Jackson. It is reported he intends opening his old shop next to the Enterprise stable.

The man arrested by Twigg and Hansen near Ham's station two weeks ago, on suspicion of being Graham, alias Scotty, wanted in Sacramento on a charge of murder, proved to be the wrong man. He has been turned loose.

Large consignments on the way from New York and Paris. E. Teesdale, "The Peddler."

F. M. Havens, of San Francisco, came up Sunday evening with Dr. Aiken, and will take a situation at the Climax.

S. Meyers, proprietor of the Golden Eagle dry goods house, was confined to his home last Sunday on account of kidney trouble.

Men's 12 1/2 tan or black sox, seamless and stainless, are 3 for 25 cents at Redlick's.

Ross Morgan, the surveyor, was in San Francisco a few days this week on a visit with his wife, and incidentally to look after business matters.

Misses Gass and Hicks, of the Main street millinery store, are in San Francisco. While in the city Miss Gass will secure her spring stock of millinery.

FOR SALE—Saloon and building known as Central House Junction. Call on or address E. Gambert or James Clemens, May P. O., Cal.

J. E. Taylor, the general merchant of Angels Camp, returned home Sunday, after a pleasant visit of several days here with the family of his father.

The grab bag in Redlick's shoe department is all the talk among the school children.

The usual morning service at the M. E. church next Sunday. At the evening service the pastor will take for his subject, "George Washington."

We have the celebrated Kingsbury hats, best hand made hat; union labor, all guaranteed to wear. Go to the Jackson Shoe Store.

Mrs. Geo. Osterman, of Grass Valley, and Miss Torre of Amador City, visited friends in Jackson this week. Mrs. Osterman has been traveling through southern California for her health, and en route home has tarried for a visit with the Torres at Amador City.

Mrs. Crocker, whose husband was killed last week by falling down the shaft of the Bunker Hill mine, left for Sacramento Tuesday morning, to spend a couple of weeks with her relative, Mrs. Johns. Upon her return to the county, she will continue to live at Amador City.

All of our misses' and boys' black cotton hose will be sold for 10c a pair, best grade that you ever bought, at the Jackson Shoe Store.

A dispatch from Tuolumne county Wednesday, stated that all the miners at the Rawhide mine at Stent went on strike that morning, in sympathy with the strike at the App mine. Both properties are owned by W. A. Nevills. The App mine has been running with non-union men, and the union miners at the Rawhide have been called out in sympathy to help the strikers at the App.

A dispatch to Vie Chichizola received yesterday morning, stated that John Tremaine, a Cornish miner, died in Bisbee, Arizona. Deceased worked for a number of years in the mines around Jackson. He was employed at the Peerless when that property was in operation. His friends are making an effort to have the remains brought to Jackson for interment.

Silk and all kinds of waists up to size 48 made to order. Fit guaranteed or no sale. E. Teesdale, "The Peddler."

The snowfall in the mountains is reported to be unusually heavy. At Wiley's station it was about 6 feet deep before the last storm. In the vicinity of Ham's station it is said to be about 10 feet. The snow line reaches to within a mile or so of Volcano. There is likely to be an abundance of storage water in the shape of snow for the coming summer, as the freezing weather which will yet be experienced will pack the snow in hard shape for summer use.

A whist party was given by Mrs. I. Y. De Witt at her residence at Hunt's gulch on the evening of February 11, on the occasion of the anniversary of her marriage. The parlor and dining room were nicely decorated with red berries and ferns. Four tables were set. Lila Fuller carried off the first prize, and Miss Danielson succeeded in capturing the booby. At midnight the guests sat down to a dainty supper.

Remember the Colonial evening to be given by the New Idea Club at Masonic hall, Jackson, on Monday evening, Feb. 22d. Come and enjoy the fun, music, drill and farce.

PIONEER FLOUR always has been and still is the best.

After an absence of 18 months, mining in South America, W. E. Proctor, one of the owners of the Amador County Steam Laundry, is again greeting old friends in Sutter Creek.

LOST—Gold case watch between Jackson and Martell's station. By leaving same at the Ledger office for identification, the finder will receive a reward of \$50.

W. H. Willis, attorney and official stenographer for the superior court of this county, was called to San Andreas on Tuesday to report a criminal case before the superior court of that county.

J. Pengally, a lumber manufacturer of Tacoma, was in this section during the week, looking for business in his line. He was a guest at the Globe hotel during his stay.

Delucchi, the Sutter Creek dentist, is still doing that excellent dentistry at the old stand. He guarantees satisfaction.

Mrs. J. W. Fisher returned Sunday from an extended visit at Marysville, and was a guest at the National Sunday night. She was a passenger on the Volcano stage Monday morning en route to join her husband at Defender.

Miss Irene R. Matson announces to the public of Jackson and vicinity that she has organized a class in piano music, and would be pleased to add to it any pupils desiring lessons. She is a thorough musician, and assures satisfaction. Terms 50 cents per lesson.

Notices have been posted stating that the strike is still on at the Royal mine at Hodson, Calaveras county, and warning all miners to keep away from that point. It is understood, however, that the mine is in operation with a full crew of non-union men, and the strikers have mostly left for other fields.

On account of the poor health of my family, which requires a change for them, I am offering at a bargain my livery business, consisting of a barn and 16 good livery horses. Will sell stock and run barn or make any arrangement that is satisfactory to purchaser. Here is a chance for the right party to get a good business with practically no opposition. Write or call and see A. L. Wait, Plymouth, Cal.

Large skirts made to order, fit guaranteed or no sale; small and average size kept in stock; all styles in all colors, seersucker cloth and alpaca, all colors, serge, cheviot and melton cloth, navy, black and grey. E. Teesdale, "The Peddler."

Owing to a clerical error in charging the assessment on 9250 shares of stock of the Del Monte Mining and Milling Company to B. C. O'Neill and C. O'Neill, Sr., and advertising same as delinquent in their name, whereas it should have been advertised to Geo. I. Wright, the date of delinquent sale has been postponed one week, and the advertisement republished as corrected.

All short lines of misses', ladies', and men's shoes will be on sale Saturday, and will continue until Mar. 1st. Big bargains in all shoes. Jackson Shoe Store.

Proprietor D. A. Nuner is constantly adding to the appointments of his Globe hotel, Main street. Just recently he has received a new register which contains, as an appendix, a complete directory of all the hotels in the United States and Canada, giving their rates and population of the towns. In connection with the register is a beautifully finished counter case with scales for weighing postage, receptacles for mail, etc.

The merchants of Jackson are talking of petitioning the board of supervisors at their next meeting to amend the license ordinance so as to materially increase the license on peddlers. In Calaveras county the license for a wagon peddler has been raised lately to \$20 per month. In Amador the rate is \$10 per month. We do not uphold anything intended as a prohibitory tax, but it is no more than right that peddlers, who come into competition with established business houses without paying rent or other expenses to which the fixed business man is subject, should be required to pay a license for the privilege of doing business that will tend to offset the advantages he has over the established business house.

Laid to Rest.

Regardless of the rain and mud the host of friends, here and at Amador City, of the late William C. Crocker turned out en masse Sunday afternoon to do the last honors to his memory. The remains were brought to Jackson from Amador City on Saturday, and taken to the hall of the Ancient Order of Foresters, of which organization he was a member, where they laid in state until 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. At that hour a fraternal ceremony was performed over the body, after which it was taken to the Episcopal church, where it was accompanied by the sorrowing family, his brother Foresters, and a large concourse of people. From thence began the last earthly journey to the Protestant cemetery, where the interment occurred after impressive services by the Foresters and Rev. Tuson. The pall bearers were: Chas. Corin, John Mitchell, John Chinn, George Tryon, Frank Yolo, and Peter Lovazio.

Rainfall.

Rain has fallen in Jackson during the past week, as measured by the Ledger office rain gauge, as follows:

Feb. 13	1.54
Feb. 14	0.06
Feb. 15	0.15
Feb. 16	0.21
Feb. 19	0.05

Total for week..... 3.01
Total for season to date..... 18.87
Same period last year..... 16.92

While the rainfall so far is in excess of last year, it must be remembered that last season February was a comparatively dry month, the rainfall for that month only amounting to 1.71 inches. From the 12th to the end of February only .20 of an inch fell. March of 1903, however, was an unusually wet month—by far the wettest of that season. Nearly 11 inches fell during that month. After March the total rainfall for that year only amounted to 1.13 inches. It is probable that the total precipitation this year will equal if not exceed that of the season of 1902-3.

Died From Exposure.

At about 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning John Imberti called at the room of John Danz, who resides in the building just south of the California hotel, and found him in a dying condition. Dr. E. V. Longo, who happened to be passing just then, was immediately called, but as he reached the side of Mr. Danz he was breathing his last and had passed beyond the aid of medical skill. The coroner was notified at once, and when he arrived on the scene the deceased was found sitting in a chair, near a small table, his head on his right hand and the arm resting on the back of the chair, in which position it seems he had been during the night previous. On the table was a part of a loaf of bread, a piece of cheese and a burned out candle. No firewood was found in the room, and the stove gave no evidences of having been lately heated. The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of Roberts & Glynn, and in the afternoon an inquest was held. At the inquest the facts were developed that Danz had a wife and son living at Mokelumne Hill; that the son was notified about a week ago of his father's illness, and that it was known several days by some of his friends that he was unwell. One of these friends testified to his knowledge of the man's illness, and the jury was disposed to severely censure him for not notifying the county officials, so that the man could be properly cared for. The verdict rendered was to the effect that the deceased came to his death from heart trouble aggravated by exposure. For some time Mr. Danz, owing to family troubles, had lived alone here, and his life was greatly similar to that of a recluse. He was a first-class tool and carpenter work and upholstering. He was born in Switzerland about 70 or 72 years ago, and is survived by a wife and son. The remains were taken to Mokelumne Hill Wednesday, where the funeral and interment will occur.

SUTTER CREEK AND VICINITY.
The Pioneer ball on Friday evening last, under the auspices of the Native Sons, assisted by the Native Daughters, was a success in every particular. The orchestra from Jackson, consisting of five pieces, won merited praise. Most of the gentlemen, and many of the ladies, were dressed in costume, which well represented the garb of the sturdy pioneer who had little time to spend on thought of self as he laid the solid foundation upon which the modern civilization of our state rests. Refreshments of baked beans and brown bread, cake and coffee were served by the Native Daughters. The proceeds of ninety-five dollars will be expended in fitting up a club room, where the Native Sons and their friends may spend their evenings pleasantly and profitably. The people of Sutter Creek congratulate their boys in this most commendable move, and assure them that hearty support.

School reopened Monday with a fairly good attendance, but the sunshine of the past few days has brought out the little convalescents, and it is hoped that Monday will bring a full regular attendance.

In the law suit between the South Eureka Mining Co. and Jacob Vandam, the community in general were pleased at the decision in favor of the latter.

H. Morris, who is engaged in the coal business in Stockton, came up Saturday evening for a short stay, returning Tuesday.

Frank Le Doux and L. Martell drove to Gold Trench Tuesday morning to visit their father, who is seriously ill.

Miss Cora Sheridan is in San Francisco selecting her spring stock of millinery.

D. Botto had the misfortune to lose a fine work horse this week. The services of a veterinary surgeon are much needed in this county.

Miss Gertrude Voorheis attended the reunion at Gold Trench Tuesday evening in Washington, accompanied by Senator Perkins and wife, Senator Voorheis' duties having called him to Philadelphia.

Rev. James L. Case, assisted by Evangelist Williams and wife, has conducted revival services in the M. E. church during the past week. Large audiences have gathered both afternoon and evening, and much good has been accomplished. F. Franceschi, who is thoroughly familiar with every inch of the ground, it is safe to predict that the shortest time possible will have elapsed before it will again take its place with the best of them.

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Starting Up of the Bunker Hill 20-Stamp Mill.—Notes from the Zeila, Argonaut, Kennedy and Others.

BUNKER HILL.—This property has now gotten in the procession of steady producers. On Tuesday of this week the new 20-stamp mill was put in operation, and everything is running along as nicely as could be expected for a new plant of machinery. The Bunker Hill is reputed to possess some very good grade ore, and it seems to be the opinion in mining circles that the property will make a good dividend payer.

ZEILA.—While very little has been said about this Jackson mining property for some time, it continues to employ the usual force of men in the mine and mill. The Zeila is another mother lode property which treats all its product at home, there being, in addition to the 40-stamp mill, a chlorination plant for the treatment of the concentrates. At present the entire energy of the mine force is devoted to the exhaustion of the ore bodies uncovered, it being estimated that a supply of ore sufficient to keep the present force employed for the next 15 months is now blocked out. No new development is being done in the mine now, and, we are told, none is likely to be undertaken in the near future, but since the property has warranted the expenditure of large sums of money in the past, it isn't believed that its future is any less bright than that of others along the lode.

ARGONAUT.—During the six or seven weeks since the breaking of rock was resumed at this property, although as yet comparatively few men, forty-five in number, are employed, great progress is being made towards putting the mine in shape for the renewal of its past productiveness. The Argonaut is operated by shaft, the total depth of which is 2230 feet. It is equipped with a modern double reel hoist, run by water power, and is capable, under present conditions, of hoisting 3 tons of rock 3000 feet at the rate of six or seven hundred feet per minute, which speed, of course, can be increased or lessened as desired, by the employment of more or less water. There is also a modern 40-stamp mill on the ground, but as yet the latter is idle, and will probably remain so until the new development work in the mine will warrant its steady operation. While at present some attention is being given to cleaning out drifts which were worked in the past, the greater portion of the mine's energy is being devoted to new prospecting. After the completion of the repairs to the shaft, which were begun some time about October last year, a station was cut at the 1690 level and drifts started both north and south. In the meantime the north drift at the 1570 level has been pushed ahead, and is now in about 220 feet; also a force of miners are at work cleaning out the north and south drifts at the 1460 level. The mine is being unwatered just as rapidly as the necessity for use of the lower workings appear. The water is now below the 1800 level, where at the 1810 station is now being cut, which is expected to be completed and ready for drifting in about ten days. The ore body, like all those along the mother lode, varies in size, spreading at times to the extent of 20 feet. When this property was operated before, it was considered one of the best of Amador county's mining propositions, and since its management is still in the hands of J. B. Francis, who is thoroughly familiar with every inch of the ground, it is safe to predict that the shortest time possible will have elapsed before it will again take its place with the best of them.

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THE MILLIONTH CHANCE

A Custom That Has Been Followed by Many Writers.

Johnson told Boswell once in the course of a conversation, in which he praised the "Anatomy," that a man, if inclined to melancholy, should have a lamp constantly burning in his bed-chamber during the night, "and if wakefully disturbed take a book and read and compose himself to rest." There can be little doubt that in thus indicating an appropriate course for one afflicted with "constitutional melancholy"—his own trouble—he was stating his own practice. Many a book the wakeful doctor must have turned over in the silences of the night, and this increases the wonder that a desire to read any particular work should take him of bed unusually early.

Gray must surely have been a reader in bed. A man who wished to be forever lying on sofas, reading "eternal novels of Crebillon and Marivaux," must have been familiar with the faces of his favorites in the night hours. Elijah Fenton, a now forgotten conditor of Pope, was accustomed to lie at his lodgings, we are told, and be fed with a spoon, but Gray's love of ease was not of this type. Gray was a bookman, and most bookmen probably have indulged in the habit of reading in bed. Lamb apostrophized his folios as "my midnight darlings," but those "huge arduous," as he calls them, were not bedside books. They were the companions of the long hours of candlelight in the back room of the quiet little "gambogish colored" house beside the Chase at Enfield. Wyche, one of the "artificial" dramatists for whom Lamb wrote a quaint defense, made a habit of reading himself to sleep. Nightly he shared his pillow with his favorite authors—Seneca, Montaigne and Rochefoucauld—and in the mornings made a practice of writing on those subjects which had caught his attention during the previous night's reading, with the curious though not unnatural result, as Pope has testified, that his writing was unconsciously a mere echo of his reading.

Somewhere, when Gray street flourished, if so inappropriate work flourished, as a poor wretch of a back author was glad to write as well as to read in bed for the all sufficient reason that seemingly clothes were lacking for going abroad—London Globe.

EPIGRAMS OF NOVELISTS.

One crawls into friendship, one occasionally drifts into matrimony, but in love one falls.—Frankfort Moore.

There is no place like the top, especially when it is a tin.—Anthony Hope.

Love and friendship are stronger than charity and politeness, and those who trade upon the latter are rarely accorded the former.—Seton Merriman.

It is the American's regret that at present he can do nothing with his feet while he is listening at the telephone, but doubtless some employment will be found for them in the coming age.—Ian MacLaren.

There are two unpardonable sins in this world, success and failure. Those who succeed can't forgive a fellow for being a failure and those who fail can't forgive him for being a success.—G. H. Lorimer.

There are two classes of people in the world, the people who are clever and the people who are keen, and you must never mix the two. They meet and touch, they never, never blend.—Katherine Cecil Thurston.

Her Coats of Arms.

Concerning a very modish woman the wit Julian Rix, painter and critic, had this story to tell:

"Mr. Rix, I've come to ask you a great favor," she said as she fairly burst into his studio one fall day.

"Everything I have is at your command, madam."

"I want to show you some coats of arms and ask your advice about making a choice."

"Which side of the family do you wish to follow, madam?"

"Oh, neither," The herald says I can choose any of these. I want something that will look well on whist counters."

"Yes. Well, what about this?"

"That will do nicely. But don't you think I ought to have more than one?"

I do tire so quickly of things, you know."—New York Times.

Canals in England.

Canals in England date back to an early period, when the Romans built two in Lincolnshire—the Foss dike, forty miles long and still navigable, and the Caer dike. The first British made canal was constructed in 1134 by Henry I. and joined the Trent to the Witham. It was toward the end of the eighteenth century that the greatest amount of energy was expended in the building of canals, mainly due to the Duke of Bridgewater and the skill of his engineer, James Brindley. In the last decade of that century a canal mania raged.

Rebuking an Emperor.

Once, so the story goes, Emperor Nicholas of Russia asked Liszt to play in his presence. The musician complied, but during the performance the czar started a conversation with an aide-de-camp. Liszt stopped playing at once. The czar asked what was the matter. "When the emperor speaks," said Liszt, "every one must be silent."

The czar smilingly took the hint, and the playing proceeded.

Purely Business.

"Are you sure," asked the captain of industry, "that you love my daughter?"

"Come, I say," replied the duke, "you're not going to be sentimental at your time of life, are you?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

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